communication equipment not covered under the Police Modernisation (PM) Scheme, logistic and camp facilities to the CPMFs (75%), etc.

To enable the States to make full utilization of funds under the scheme, the Government has also decided to make advance payments under the scheme.

**Scrapping of security plan at the official residences of MPs**

1013. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the area security plan for deployment of security men at the official residences of the Members of Parliament has been scrapped; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Rape and abduction cases in the country**

†1014. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of rape and abduction are on the increase in the country particularly in National Capital Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYAGAVIT): (a) and (b) As per statistics compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau the incidence of rape and kidnapping and abduction in the country as well as National Capital Region (NCR) during 2001 to 2003 is as given below:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

**Incidence of Rape and Kidnapping & Abduction**

| Year | Rapes | | Kidnapping & Abduction | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Total NCR | Total All India | Total NCR | Total All India |
| 2001 | 718 | 16075 | 2398 | 22487 |
| 2002 | 735 | 16373 | 2030 | 21850 |
| 2003 | 796 | 15847 | 1671 | 19992 |

At All India level, mixed trend has been observed in rape cases while in the NCR, rape cases have increased. Kidnapping & Abduction cases at All India level as well as in the NCR have declined during 2001 to 2003.

(c) 'Pubilc Order' and 'Police' are State subject, as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and as such, registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Government of India from time to time has issued guidelines to the State Governments to make concerted efforts to improve the administration of Criminal Justice System. In an advisory sent to the State Governments on 5th May, 2004 the following points have been re-emphasized:

(i) There should be no delay in registration of FIR in cases of Crime Against Women,

(ii) Cases should be thoroughly investigated and charge-sheets filed within three months from the date of occurrence of crime,

(iii) Women Police Cells be set up in all police stations. Exclusive women police stations should also be set up to cater especially to women,

(iv) Police officials charged with the responsibility of protecting women should be sensitized adequately,

(v) Women police officials in the State Police Force should be recruited widely,

(vi) Institutional support should be provided to victims of violence, and

(vii) there should be proper counselling for victims of rape.